ARTILLERY MAIN BATTLE FACTOR

Has Assumed New Importance Gleason from a person signing himself In the Fresent War.

RAIN HALTS THE FIGHTING.

Both Sides Face Difficult Problems In Getting Water Out of the Trenches. They Can Find to Get the Copper Out of It For Fuses.

London.-An account by the "eyewitness" of the British beadquarterstaff at the front mentions the con tinued and exceptionally heavy rain fall in the fighting zone. Aviators, the account says, report that the Scheidt as well as the Lys has overflowed and b flooding large districts. The condition of the trenches is shown in the following extract from the statement:

"The Germans in some places have attempted to pump the water from their trenches into ours, but owing to



Photo by American Press Association GERMAN SOLDIER WRITING DIARY OR

the flat ground they have been singu larly unsuccessful. The problem of how to get rid of the water is engagculty is being overcome, although con tinual bailing and pumping are required."

The account relates some minor fights and then makes the following references to the situation of the

"The Germans are reported to be collecting all the brass they can find me doubt for the purpose of extracting the copper for fuses. The towns and vis lages behind the front are systematically ransacked and everything that contains copper, from church bells to household utensils of all kinds, has been seized.

The following reference is made is artillery:

"The experiences of this war have caused many profound modifications theories previously held, but no factor perhaps, was so underestimated as the effect of high explosive projectiles firm from guns and howlizers. At the open ing of the war the allies were inferio to the enemy in this respect. This in feriority has since been made goes and the Germana are now experiencia to a fur greater extent than before the devastating effect of these missiles.

"The successes of the Japanese : Port Arthur gave an inkling of the potentialities of the heavy howitzer against permanent fortifications, but the decisive effect of high explosives against troops in the field as well as against field intrenchments has comas a complete surprise.

"Artillery has assumed and importancegreater probably than it ever before possessed and centalnly greater than it has known since the time of Napoleon For the last hundred years, as used against troops, field artiflery generally has been depended upon to create a moral effect rather than great material result. It has been reserved for this war to prove it to be the chief agent in destroying the enemy's power of re-

"It is extremely hard to conceal the position of trenches from an aerial observer, and once their position is notified to the guns and the range is obtained it is not long before the whole length of trenches will be blown in. Entanglements, trous de loup and every form of obstacle, however ingenious, are swept away.

"That the moral effect is very great is shown by the written and verbal evidence of prisoners.

"The allies' artillery is gradually assuming superiority over the German, a factor of great importance in the prosecution of our general offensive,"

Bean Famine In Boston. Boston.-Because many bean crops have been sold to the nations at war, since the war began, it is said, and the Boston is facing a bean famine. The price is now 12 cents a pound instead written were brief notes to his wife

INNOCENT MAN HANGED.

So Saya Letter on Painter Case to Chief of Chicago Police.

Chicago. That an innocent man was ecuted here in 1894, when George H. Paumer was hanged for the murder of Alice Martin, is the statement made a a letter received by Chief of Poller B. W. Baxter" of Buffalo, Sangamon

The writer asked that Painter's relatives be found and promised to remove the stigma from the family.

Painter's last words on the scaffold were a declaration that he was no

Alice Martin, Painter's sweetheart, was beaten to death in 1891, and Paint er was arrested nine months later Germans Collecting All the Brass After two years of fighting the prison er was convicted and executed. On the scaffold he said:

"If I killed Alice Martin, the girl I dearly loved, the woman I loved so much that I would almost commit any crime for her, I pray this minute, my last minute on earth, that the eternal God will put me into eternal hell." The condemned man raised his voice

"Look here, gentlemen, if there is one man among you who is an American I say to him on his soul-on his soul, I say-see that the murderer of Alice Martin is found."

and continued:

The scaffold prayer was delivered by the Rev. A. P. Moerdyke, who said: "May he whom so many believe inocent of this crime join thee in everasting life for the sake, O Lord, of hy son Jesus Christ, our Lord."

Gleason said he would take no steps n the matter except to look for Painter's relatives to make known to them Buxter's request.

TOWN TURNS OUT TO PAN GOLD IN STREETS

Great Excilement Until Metal Proves to Be Iron Pyrites.

Summer, Wash - Excitement prevailhis Summer following the news of a rold" strike made on Main street by and in the gutter and proudly exhibor the "dust". Kelly staked out a wenty acre mining claim, including hearr of the city, and two hours for the chain was immed by Jesse litids The local druggist, Bill Naywith, who made a hasty nitric acid est of the glittering metal, pronounced

Kelly was sweeping the sidewalk to front of the Kelly & Dara grocery on Main street when he saw bright specks ing both sides. The muddy water is the size of pin heads in the mud in the difficult to pump out, but this diffi gutter. He hastily got a ple tin and half a spoonful of the dust. Taking it o Naysmith, he was assured after an icid examination it was real gold,

Kelly then obtained a government nining claim blank and filled it out The claim was named the D. & K. falm. The location was the regular, wenty acres allowed by the govern dge of the street

demonts for collecting a pile of the places are but a few miles apart. alned at least Slatz worth.

swept as clean as a billiard table, the and at the age of twenty six was nom first time it has been washed clean insted artiflery captain. Rapidly be

Streeter Beall of Phyallup after micro | where he remained five years | His lee was admitted by all, however, that it translated into many languages. streets was from gravel and sand wag- one of the most confidential positions

Mayor Wants Municipal Church. San Bernardino, Cai.-Mayor J. W. latick issued a statement advocating ty and the building in their stead, by bond boue, of a inbernacle seating more than 2.500 and the appointment of a municipal minister, who would idminister the spiritual needs of San Bernardino. He also proposed the apsointment of a municipal minister, who must perform all marriages and officiite at all funerals free; the prohibition y law of the soliciting of funds from ongregations; the entire city to be nembers of the church, which would

e maintained by municipal taxation. "Let us have only one good route to leaven and a municipal minister to point the way," concluded the mayor.

Joffre Doesn't Read Papers. Paris.-General Joffre, the French commander, has not read a newspaper only thing in the way of letters be has

and sister.

FOCH HONORED BY KING GEORGE

Comparatively Unknown General Given Grand Cross of Bath.

HERO OF TWO BIG BATTLES

Strict Censorship Keeps Many Brave the Attacks, While Foch Executes Them-How He Accepted High Office From President.

Bordeaux.-When King George visit ed the front be gave the same order to General Foch the grand cross of the Bath) as to the commander in chief of the ailles, General Joffre. This is the highest distinction the king of Engiand can confer on a general for purely military services.

Owing to the completeness of the French censorship, which prevents any general from being singled out for publicity and the small attention paid to the work of the French gen erals in the English press, people were mystified in England when General Foch, a person unknown to them was singled out for this compliment by their king.

But the fact is that General Fort was the hero of the battles of the Marne and Yser and is likely to go down in history as the greatest figure of the war on the French side, next to General Joffre. Joffre plans, Foch ex ecutes; Joffre is the headpiece, Forl the right hand of the French army Each likes and respects the other



Foch's confidence in his chief's tacti cal genius is unbounded. Joffre knows that when it comes to an offensive ment. The filed cinim sheet was nail | movement be has an instrument in d to a two foot board that was placed | Foch on which he can place entire re apright between two bricks at the llance. In private life the two men are more than comrades in arms. The By this time, however, the report of are close friends and never more the strike and game out, and as Kelly happy than when they can sit down went to mark the four corners of his over a pipe and discuss military remi claim others becom to appear with biscences, for both are vaterans in the Browns, shovels and nil kinds of in. differ but by a few months their birth

Fordinand Foch was born at Tarbes o the fire house and brought out the on Oct. 2, 1851. His father, Napoleon the hose. When this was turned on to Foch, was secretary of the prefecture duice the street a number of the slow- at Tarbes, where his three sous, of or miners got a bath | Frye obtained a | whom General Foch was the eldest, at bottleful of the "gold" mixed with the | tended the local college | Each bot back sand and beasted that it con | chose his profession-one law, another the church and young Ferdinand the By 2 o'clock the street had been army. Ferdinand soon made his mark rose to the post of professor of tactics The metal was pronounced to be with the title of commandant, at the pyrites of icon, or "fool's gold," by Ecole de Guerre, or Military school scopic and neared nitric acid tests. If | tures and military works have been

soked to be real gold, and being found | Having been created brigadier gen n black sand was an added indication | erat in 1968. Forth now succeeded to in its favor. The sand that fell on the the directorship of the Ecole de Guerre as hauling it from a gravel bank near | in the war department. He left this post to take command of the Thirteenth division and afterward of the Eighth corps at Bourges and finally

the Twentieth corps at Nancy. The war did not take Foch by surhe abolishment of all churches in the prise. He was among those who felt it was inevitable in the near future and had even been looked upon by a sec tion of politicians as an alarmist, much as Lord Roberts was in England by the corresponding political party there Joffre, who has the leader's instinct in choosing his men, immediately selected Foch for the responsible position of commander of the Fifth army at La Fere-Champenoise. How he acquitted

himself here is a matter of history. Early in October Foch succeeded to the command of the three armies of the north. He is now Joffre's right hand man and is looked upon as the "vice generalissimo" of the French

Interior of Houses Damaged. Paris.-Many Belgrade houses are intact on the outside, but the interiors are destroyeed, due to the queer tricks of shells, which fell through the roof and exploded inside.

OCTOGENARIAN CUTS TEETH.

Mr. Morris Believes That He Should Be Rocked and Sung To. Greenwood. Del. - James Morris, eighty-four years old, has had trouble

boils, rheumatism and dyspepsia with- Mrs. William Snell. out the last blight, which, he declares, has put him in a twin bed with Job. Mr. Morris is cutting teeth, a process which usually occurs before the suffering human is capable of effectively expressing himself in the matter.

For years Mr. Morris has had but two teeth, which, thanks to Providence, hit. He has been getting on fairly well, but for the aforementioned ailments and had no hope of ever doing any heavy chewing again. Then Men in the Background-Joffre Plans four teeth appeared on his lower jaw. and this week two more started through, accompanied by the most an noying aches and jumps

"I'm not kicking nor, as a matter of bad enough to have teeth cut through without being so old that no one cares to rock you or sing you a trifling ditty that might produce sleep or total

GIRL KILLS DEER NEAR HOME.

New Hampshire Huntress Good Shot.

Concord, N. H .- To Miss Ruth Gilman, fifteen years old, of Penacook, N. H., probably belongs the honor of be ing the youngest woman in New England to kill a deer this season. Thus far no one has disputed the honor.

this week within a mile of her own home was the first deer she had ever fired at and one of a very few she had ever seen, although she had roamed the fields and woods of central New Hamp shire since she was able to toddle and is an expert with the rifle or shotgun She has killed scores of small game. squirrels, rabbits and partridge, but it had never been her good fortune to get a shot at a real live deer until this season, and then her first shot brought down the game

HOW TO SPELL NAME OF THE BADGER STATE

"Wiskonsan" Correct, as Shown Ithaca the first of the week to visit by an Old Document.

Fond du Lac. Wis - Wisk-on-sa-n seems to have been the perfectly proper way of spelling the name of this state in the old territorial days back

Many ploneer residents of the state can remember when Wisconsin was spelled that way, but W. F. Sealey, county clerk, has discovered a document which provides better evidence than memory. It is a certificate of ection issued to Paul D. Hayward as justice of the peace in the township of Stockbridge, dated June 2, 1844, and signed by Duane Doty, then territorial

Each of the three peoples who have successively occupied the state, Indians, French and Anglo Saxons, have left as in their names a record of their first impressions and sometimes even trace of legendary history.

The name of the state and of it greatest river, Wiscousin, is a corrupt ed form of an indian term whose exner meaning is now unknown; though it has assaily been translated "gather ing of waters" Outscometo, Wiscom sing, Oursconching, Ouiskensing, Wiskonsan are a few of the spellings which appear in oid documents and on time stuined maps before the present form was evolved

The name of the largest lake within the state. Winnebago, suggests an in teresting history of the Indian pribes whence it came. The original Algon quin form was boundpegou," meaning "men of the ill smelling water." ; name which the tribe gained from having originally dwelt on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, well known for its odorous sulphur springs.

TYPHOID COSTS \$3,000,000.

Loss In Year to Kansas Estimated by Health Official.

Topeka. Kan - Typnold fever in Kan sas is costing the state \$8,000 a day. according to Dr S J Crumbine, secretary of the state board of health. There are three typhoid districts in Kansas now, more than at any time in several years. Twelve hundred students at the Agricultural college have been inoculated with the typhoid se-

"There were 356 deaths from typhoid in Kansas this year and about 4,500 cases," said Dr. Crumbine. "The eco nomic value of a life in Kansas is estimated at \$5,000, and the average cost of medical attendance and funerals is \$300. Figuring on this basis, typhoid cost Kansas more than \$3,000,000, not counting the loss of time of the pa-

Called Emperor a Rascal.

Paris.-Before he was sentenced to ife imprisonment by court martial for assisting 350 Belgians to join the army in France, General Fife, a retired Belgian general, told the court Emperor William was a rascal and asked for a leath sentence.

Prince Has Portrait Painted. Berlin.-The German crown prince, pstead of being dead or badly wound ed, has had his portrait painted in oils at the front.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webb spent mough for the last twenty years with Friday in Alma, the guest of Mr. and

> H. B. Currence was in Ithaca on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott spent Sunday in Aima, the guests of Mr. Abbott's sister, Mrs. B. McKinney, and niece, Miss Floral Waldo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Downs were guests of Miss Frances Gee, last Wed-

Miss Lilah Abbott spent Thursday with S. Coleman and family in Ar-

Howard L. Holmes of Alma has been carrying the mail on route four this week. He has been taking the place fact, biting," said Mr. Morris, "but it's of Mr. Brown, the regular carrier, who is slowly recovering from his ill-

> Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Gee were called to St. Louis Tuesday to visit a brother of Mrs. Gee, who is seri-

Mrs. Donald Currence spent last Friday with her cousin, Clyde Webb, south of Elwell.

Miss Floral Waldo has been entertaining friends from Caro Tuesday and Wednesday of the past week.

The subscrbiers of the Union Telephone company in this vicinity have been unable to use their telephones for the past week, owing to the fire The 150 pound doe the little girl shot in the exchange located in the Pollasky block.

Charles Powers of Ithaca spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. James Peterfield and family, a sister of Mr.

Mrs. Barney Snyder and daughter are very sick and are under the care of Dr. Bagley and Mrs. A. Moffat of Alma. Their many friends extend the wish of a quick recovery from their

Mrs. Kathryn Day returned to her home last Wednesday, after a very pleasant visit with her parents, Mrs. H. B. Currence, and other relatives luring the past few weeks.

Mrs. Milton Veeder, who has been pending the past week with her son, amuel Veeder and family in Sumneron, has returned to her home. Mrs. Frank Handly was called to

her sister, Mrs. Mary Thomas, who is Mrs. Arthur Van Horn is slowly

Henry Crum and family of Alma have rented the farm owned by Mrs. Frances Vibber and expect to move Miss Cora Isham attended the B. House in St. Louis.

Schedule of Rates Governing the Sale of Electricity by the

Alma Grain & Lumber Co.

Effective January 1, 1915.

Rules and Regulations

A. Bills for services will be rendered monthly.

B. All bills are due on the first of the month succeeding service. A 10 per cent discount will be allowed on all bills if paid on or before the 10th of the month. If not paid by the 20th of the month current may be

C. Discount will not be allowed on account of consumer failing to receive electric bill, as the company is at all times ready to duplicate bills.

D. Remittances mailed in payment of electric bills must bear postmark of not later than the 10th of the month following that for which bill was rendered, otherwise discount will not be allowed.

E. The company does not undertake to furnish continuous service, nor shail it be liable for damage resulting from the use of electric current, nor from the company's appliances on the premises. The customer or the company may disontinue service on two days' written notice.

F. The company reserves the right for their representative to enter the premises of any customer to repair or inspect meters or other equipment.

Lighting Rates Residence | Lighting Rates Commercial 10c per K. W. for first 20 K. W. hrs. sc per K. W. for next 20 K. W. hrs. 5c per K. W. all over 40 K. W. hrs. Minimum charge 50c per month.

10c per K. W. for first 20 K. W. hrs. sc per K. W. for next 50 K. W. hrs. sc per K. W. all over 70 K. W. hrs. Minimum charge 50c per month.

Power Rates General. All motors under 2 H. P. take lighting rates.

All motors ovet 2 H. P. take the following rates: 1 to 500 K. W. at 5c per K. W. hour. 501 to 1000 K W. at 4c per K. W. hours. 1001 to 2000 K, W, at 3½c per K, W, hour. 2001 to 5000 K, W, at 2c per K, W, hour. Minimum charge 50c per H. P. will be charged up to and including 10 H. P. of each installation.

immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolly Wright, who have been living there for some time, have moved to Lansing.

Claud Wiley and family of Elwell mproving from an operation at Ann have moved on to the Edward Adam's farm two miles west of Alma. Alton

time ago.

F. W. of the Baptist church, which was held at the home of Miss Rera Mack in Alma last Saturday.

The many friends of C. A. Sawkins, the well known piano dealer, will be pleased to hear that his condition has improved to such an extent that he Wiley purchased the farm a short has been removed to his home. For some time he has been at the Park

The undersigned will sell at public auction, at her farm located 4 miles north of Swift & Co., Alma, or 2 miles west and north of St. Louis, or 2 miles east and south of Forest Hill

January 25, 1915

Commencing at 12:30 p. m. sharp, the tollowing property:

5-Piece parlor suite Sideboard Extension dining table, dining chairs 2 9x9 rugs 9x12 rug Combination bookease and writing desk 40 Chickens 80 bu. potatoes Milwaukee binder McCormick mower, nearly new Osborne side rake Tiger rake 3 Large size bay forks Pitch forks hav knife Hay rack and box 2 hay hooks Beet rack, beet fork. 5 beet knives Beet lifter steel land roller disc harrow Land float 3-Section springtooth harrow Springtooth harrow 3-Section spiketooth harrow 2-Section spiketooth harrow Gale plow No. 2 Bryan plow shovel plow 2 One-horse cultivators Tongued scraper scoop scraper Extra heavy wagon, nearly new Heavy wagon = set of dump boards

light stoneboat Heavy stoneboat Set single harness single fly net 2 Sets extra driving reins Duster plush robe 4 horse blankets, nearly new Open buggy Port and cutter, new Set heavy bobsleighs Set of Cutter bells Set heavy 3-horse eveners and whiffletrees horse muzzles 36-ft, extension ladder Wheelbarrow hand corn planter 70 grain sacks 40 potato crates Grindstone | Emery Ice tongs, new 2 erosscut saws Bucksaw 1-Man saw Wire netting 16 16-in, tile 9 14-inch tile Crowbar Logchains Tongs Shovels Tile spades Manure forks Spades Ploughs Posthole diggers Axes Wire fence stretcher Ropes Hoes 4 Bedsprings 1 Mattress Single bed, springs and mattress Cot with covers and pillows Hand drawn barrel churn Shotgun and shells bu. millet seed Other things too numerous to mention



Terms of Sale: All sums of \$10.00 or under cash, over that amount 10 months time will be given on good bankable paper with interest at 7 per cent per annum. Two per cent off for cash on all sums over \$10.

R. M. POLLASKY, Adm. of Estate J. D. HELMAN, Auctioneer

WILL WILSON, Clerk